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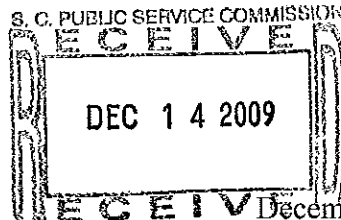
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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service. Docket No.: 2009-479-WS

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five (5) copies of the Affidavits of Publication in the above-referenced matter for each of the following newspapers:

1. The Gaffney Ledger
2. The Greenwood Index-Journal
3. The Greenville News
4. The Union Daily Times
5. The Spartanburg Herald-Journal
6. The Anderson Independent-Mail

Additionally, enclosed please find the original and five (5) copies of the Affidavit of Mailing of Lena Georgiev.

By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of same and enclose a certificate of service to that effect. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of these documents by date-stamping the extra copies that are enclosed and returning them to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

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The Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni

December 14, 2009

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If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. P. Mustian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Benjamin P. Mustian

BPM/cf

Enclosures

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2009-479-W/S

IN RE:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of each of the six
(6) **Affidavits of Publication** and one (1) copy of the **Affidavit of Mailing of Lena Georgiev**
by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class
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Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
Post Office Box 11263
Columbia, South Carolina 29211



Clark Fancher

Columbia, South Carolina
This 14th day of December, 2009

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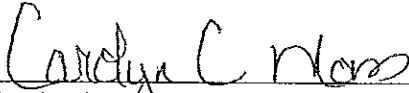
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA


COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

Personally came before me, a Notary Public for State and County aforesaid, Carolyn C. Moss, Secretary/Receptionist for The Gaffney Ledger, Inc., a newspaper published at Gaffney, South Carolina, and on oath says that the above advertisement did appear in said newspaper, and that the clipping herewith attached and made a part of this affidavit is a true copy of said advertisement as it appeared in said newspaper on DECEMBER 2, 2009.



Carolyn C. Moss, Secretary/Receptionist

Sworn to before me this

2nd day of Dec 2009


Notary Public for South Carolina

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2009-479-WS

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In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's water and sewer rates, terms and conditions UUC asserts, among other things, that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company's business, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services. Further, the Company asserts that an increase in its Notification Fee is necessary due to increased postal costs and increased mailings due to the number of delinquent customers.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

WATER

Monthly Charges Current Proposed

Residential (per single family house, condominium, mobile home, apartment unit)

Residential		
Base Facilities Charge	\$11.50	\$20.69 per unit
Commodity Charge	\$4.50 per 1,000	
gallons or 134 cft	\$8.09 per 1,000	
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Basic Facilities Charge

Per single family equivalent (SFE) \$11.50 \$20.69 Per SFE

Commodity Charge \$4.50 per 1,000

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SEWER

Current Proposed

Residential monthly charge

Per single family house, condominium,

villa, or apartment unit \$48.24 per unit \$73.89 per unit

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Commercial - monthly charge \$48.24 per SFE \$73.89 per SFE

Charge for Sewer Collection Only

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mobile home or apartment unit \$24.66 SFE \$37.77 per unit

Commercial - monthly charge

Per single family equivalent

Notification Fee pursuant to Regulation 103-535.1 \$24.66 per SFE

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Notary: <u>Ashley Henry</u> My Commission expires: <u>12/3/09</u>

**PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKETING
DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF FILING
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DOCKET NO. 2009-
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UNITED UTILITY
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Pursuant to 26 S.C.
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may be amended from
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Company further pro-
poses to require such
customers to annually
have such cross con-
nection inspected by a
licensed certified tester
and provide to Utility no
later than June 30th of
each year a copy of a
written inspection
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Commercial - monthly charge

Per single-family equivalent

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Notification Fee pursuant to Regulation 103-535.1

\$4.00

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A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

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In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before January 18, 2010, and indicate the amount of

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4562323PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKETING DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING DOCKET NO. 2009-479-WS UNITED UTILITY COMPANIES, INC. -APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE United Utility Companies, Inc. (UUC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges and modification of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service. UUC is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10(4) (Supp. 2008), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 2000-210-W/S. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 58-5-240 (Supp. 2008) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A and 103-712.4.A (Supp. 2008), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water and sewer service rates. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503 and 103-703, Applicant further proposes a modification to the terms and conditions under which a tenant will be billed for water and sewer services to comport with current S.C. Code Ann. § 27-33-50 (Supp. 2008), as same may be amended in the future. Also, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-703, Applicant proposes to add language requiring its customers who install, permit to be installed or maintain a cross connection between the Company's water system and any other non-public water system to install a backflow prevention device in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F (Supp. 2008), as may be amended from time to time. The Company further proposes to require such customers to annually have such cross connection inspected by a licensed certified tester and provide to Utility no later than June 30th of each year a copy of a written inspection report and testing results submitted by the certified tester in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F (Supp. 2008), as same may be amended from time to time. Additionally, Applicant proposes to modify the provision dealing with single family equivalents to incorporate the pertinent regulation of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC"), and to include language pertaining to the terms and conditions for extensions of its facilities for service. Applicant also proposes to amend its rate schedule to provide that, in lieu of mailing its customers a paper bill, it may provide an electronic bill to its water and sewer customers on the Company's website if requested by the customer in writing. Finally, the Company proposes to increase its

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVERTISEMENT!

If I can be of further assistance, please call : Susan
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The Union Daily Times

Union, S.C.
PUBLISHERS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF UNION

Personally appeared before me Ty Ransdell who being duly sworn, says that (he) is publisher of the Union Daily Times, a daily newspaper published at Union, County and State aforesaid, and that the attached advertisement appeared times in said newspaper, and on the following dates consecutively:

December 2nd, 2009

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Ty Ransdell

Sworn to and subscribe before me, this
12th day of December 2009.

Debra K. Skellie

Notary

Sept. 18, 2012

Commission Expires

**PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKETING DEPARTMENT
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AND HEARING**

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WATER

Monthly Charges

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Base Facilities

Charge \$ 1 1 . 5 0

\$20.69 per unit

Commodity Charge:

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gallons or 134 cft

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Commercial Basic Facilities

Charge

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SEWER

Current Proposed

Residential monthly

charge

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villa, or apartment unit

\$48.24 per unit

\$73.89 per unit

Mobile Homes monthly

charge \$35.58 per

unit \$64.50 per

unit

Commercial monthly

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Charge for Sewer Collection Only

Residential monthly

charge per

single-family house, con-

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SFE \$37.77 per

unit

Commercial monthly

charge

Per single-family equivalent

Notification Fee pursuant

to Regulation

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Commission of South

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the State and County
aforesaid, Kristen Mooneyham, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes
and says that she is a Representative of the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, a newspaper
published in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and that the attached legal display ad was
published for 1 time(s) in the following issues:

12/2/09

Kristen Mooneyham
Kristen Mooneyham

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 10th day of December, 2009

Alice Annas
Alice Annas
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires May 23, 2016

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

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**State of South Carolina
County of Anderson**

{Affidavit

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Copy of said advertisement is attached hereto.

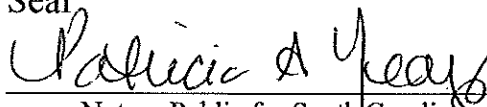
Signed: 

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 04 day of

Dec, 2009.

Seal


Notary Public for South Carolina

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 10, 2014

My Commission Expires

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SEWER

	Current	Proposed
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